

Prayer

A close-up photograph of a person's hands clasped together in a prayer position. The hands are positioned in the lower center of the frame, with fingers interlaced. A strong, diagonal beam of light from the upper left corner illuminates the hands, creating a dramatic contrast with the deep shadows of the surrounding environment. The person is wearing a dark, textured garment, possibly a robe or a heavy sweater. The background is almost entirely black, with some faint, out-of-focus light patterns suggesting an interior space with architectural details.

11. Jesus' Prayer for Us

John 17:20 "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;"

Meaning: John chapter 17 begins with "These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said,..". Jesus prayed for the disciples and "for them also which shall believe" on Christ through their word. The very next verse (v. 21) reveals three things that Christ prayed on our behalf, and all three prayer requests are set off by the word "that." Jesus knows what we need, therefore, what Jesus prayed for, for us, must be important.

Application: First, Jesus prayed "**that they all may be one**" (John 17:21). God wants us to be united, not divided. "How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1). Secondly, Jesus prayed, "**That they all may be one in us.**" Being at one with God was not referring to salvation because He was already praying for believers. He was praying that we would be close to God (James 4:8). Lastly, Jesus prayed, "**That the world may believe that thou hast sent me.**" Jesus wants us to be soul winners. He prayed that we would tell the world about Him.

Other Verses for Study: Mark 1:35; Luke 22:31,32;
John 17:9-26; I Timothy 2:1

1. God wants us to be _____, not _____.
2. Jesus prayed that we would be _____ to God.
3. Who does Jesus want us to tell about Him? _____

"Prayer is not our trying to change God's mind. It is learning what is the mind of God and asking accordingly."